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1. European Patent Application No. 1 065 169 A1, published January 3, 2001.
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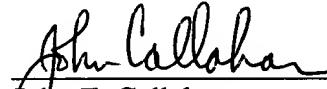
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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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